

MEXICO AND NEW-MEXICO.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE TERRITORY.
A TALK WITH CHIEF-JUSTICE PRINCE, OF NEW-MEXICO—RAID CHANGES IN A NEW COUNTRY—WHAT PEOPLE MAY EXPECT TO FIND IF THEY GO THERE.

Chief-Judge Prince, of New-Mexico, who is also president of the Territorial Bureau of Immigration, being in the city a few days ago, a representative of THE TRIBUNE called upon him to ask his views regarding the present condition and prospects of that Territory. The conversation opened with the suggestion that there must have been great improvements in New-Mexico since the Judge went there two and a half years ago.

"Oh, yes," was the reply, "the changes have been very great, as well as very rapid. Two years ago there was not a mile of railroad in operation in the Territory; now we have railroads running in all directions, and our travelling facilities are almost unsurpassed. People are apt to consider that the journey to New-Mexico is one attended by hardships and inconvenience, whereas you can make the entire trip from New-York to luxuriant pastures; there are only two changes between the Grand Canyon and the Rockies, the first being at Las Vegas, which is less than four days' travel. Really there are fewer changes and less exertion in making the trip between New-York and New-Mexico than in going from Cooper Institute to the City Hall in Brooklyn."

"Is there much immigration now?"

"Yes, a great deal. Every train goes into the Territory full. New-Mexico presents, I think, the best and most varied field for enterprise of any part of the country, and people are beginning to appreciate that. The towns are growing very fast, and the mining districts are filling up rapidly."

"Which towns are the best ones to settle in?"

"That depends very much on a man's business, health and tastes. The southern part of the Territory is much warmer than the northern, not only because of the difference of the latitude, but because it is so much lower. But it is a healthy region everywhere. Las Vegas is a very active, energetic, busy town, that has grown rapidly and yet not in a haphazard way. It is a solid, substantial place, with a first-rate future. Santa Fe, of course, is the best known, having been the capital from time immemorial and full of historic associations. This is the military as well as the civil headquarters, and it is a charming place to live in. Many persons thought that the new railroad would destroy it, but it has survived it, and its importance is increasing, thanks to the San Miguel and other points. In Santa Fe at this moment two large educational institutions are being built, the State Normal School and the University, and the Santa Fe Academy. The Las Vegas Academy is a flourishing institution. At Watrous and Springer creditable schools have just been built, Las Cruces has a very excellent one, and Silver City has a fine educational centre. Altogether the Territory is making rapid and gratifying progress in this respect at all points."

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William H. Williams pleaded guilty in the Court of Common Pleas yesterday to the charge of passing bad checks upon William H. Johnson, No. 138 Sixth Avenue, Judge Cowing sentenced him to the State Prison for six months.

"HUMAN BEINGS FOR SIS.

Roundman Thomas Gallagher of the Twenty-third Precinct, yesterday morning found in a box in the yard of No. 217 East Eighty-fifth-st., a human skull and parts of a human skeleton. The premises were repossessed by Dr. John Smith, who removed the remains to New Jersey, and it is supposed that the remains belong to him.

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